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MEMORY ARRAY

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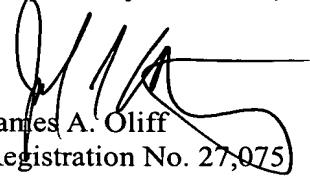
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- 3. The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
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